WHEREAS, One of the hallmarks of a truly civilized nation is the efforts it makes on behalf of its handicapped citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Communication is the cohesive force in every human culture and a dominant influence in the personal life of every one of us; and more than ten percent of all children and adults in the United States have speech, language or hearing impairments so severe that their educational, vocational, personal, and social functioning are adversely affected; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the speech pathology and audiology profession strive to restore or improve communicative competence so that those with speech, language, or hearing disorders can regain and maintain a meaningful and productive place in our society; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota is aware of and grateful for the high level of speech pathology and audiology services available to communicatively handicapped persons in schools, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, speech and hearing clinics and private practice offices:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May, 1975, as

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in South Dakota, and I commend and endorse the humanitarian and rehabilitative services rendered by speech pathologists and audiologists throughout the State to our communicatively impaired citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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